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## INTRODUCTION.

Victoria is situated at the south-eastern extremity of the Australian continent of which it occupies about a thirty-fourth part, and contains about 87,884 square miles. It lies approximately between the 34th and 39th parallels of south latitude and the 141st and 150th meridians of east longitude. Its greatest length from east to west is about 493 miles, its greatest breadth about 290 miles and its extent of coast-line (including the length around Port Phillip Bay, Western Port, and Corner Inlet) 980 miles. It is bounded on the north and north-east by New South Wales from which it is separated by the River Murray and by a straight line in a south-easterly direction from a place near the head-waters of that stream, called The Springs, to Cape Howe. On the west it is bounded by South Australia and on the south and south-east its shores are washed by the Southern Ocean, Bass Strait, and the Pacific Ocean.

The climate of Victoria is characterized by warm summers, rather cold winters, and rain in all months. Mean temperatures in midsummer (January) range from 65 deg. (Fahr.) in the south to 75 deg. (Fahr.) in the north-west, corresponding means of daily maxima being 80 deg. (Fahr.) in the south and 90 deg. (Fahr.) in the north-west. In midwinter (July) the mean temperature is generally below 50 deg. (Fahr.), mean of the night minima being below 40 deg. (Fahr.).

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# STATISTICS OF VICTORIA

## I.—POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS.

### VICTORIA—POPULATION.

Period.	Victoria.			Melbourne and Suburbs.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	
Census—				
1901 (31st March) .. ..	603,720	597,350	1,201,070	496,079
1911 (3rd April) .. ..	655,591	659,960	1,315,551	593,237
1921 (4th April) .. ..	754,724	776,556	1,531,280	782,979
1933 (30th June) .. ..	903,244	917,017	1,820,261	991,934
1947 (30th June) .. ..	1,013,867	1,040,834	2,054,701	1,226,409
1954 (30th June) .. ..	1,231,099	1,221,242	2,452,341	(a) 1,524,111
At 31st December (estimated)—				
1951 (b) .. ..	1,150,009	1,149,529	2,299,538	1,330,800
1952 (b) .. ..	1,189,262	1,177,457	2,366,719	1,359,100
1953 (b) .. ..	1,212,060	1,203,975	2,416,035	1,388,800
1954 (b) .. ..	1,246,591	1,234,286	2,480,877	1,544,500
1955 .. ..	1,288,058	1,266,963	2,555,021	1,595,300

(a) Area of Melbourne and Suburbs was re-defined for statistical purposes as from 1st January, 1954.

(b) Revised in accordance with the final result of the Census of 30th June, 1954.

### VICTORIA—MARRIAGES, BIRTHS, AND DEATHS.

Period.	Number of—				Rate per 1,000 of Population.			Infantile Mortality.
	Marriages.	Births.	Deaths.	Deaths under One Year.	Marriage.	Birth.	Death.	Deaths under One Year per 1,000 Births.
Year ended 31st December—								
1951 .. ..	21,117	50,553	23,446	1,143	9.28	22.21	10.30	22.61
1952 .. ..	20,220	53,738	23,322	1,198	8.63	22.93	9.95	22.29
1953 .. ..	19,238	53,561	22,650	1,133	8.03	22.36	9.45	21.15
1954 .. ..	19,404	54,660	22,554	1,055	(a) 7.91	(a) 22.28	(a) 9.19	19.30
1955 .. ..	20,056	56,336	22,527	1,035	(a) 7.94	(a) 22.30	(a) 8.92	18.37

(a) Subject to revision.

### VICTORIA—PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Causes of Death.	Deaths During—		
	Year Ended 31st December—		
	1953.	1954.	1955(a).
Tuberculosis .. ..	279	245	222
Malignant Neoplasms .. ..	3,366	3,370	3,532
Diabetes .. ..	413	379	420
Vascular Lesions affecting Central Nervous System .. ..	3,071	3,099	3,060
Diseases of the Heart .. ..	7,409	7,383	7,538
General Arteriosclerosis .. ..	827	830	791
Pneumonia .. ..	659	673	568
Nephritis and Nephrosis .. ..	415	354	311
Certain Diseases of Early Infancy .. ..	705	658	602
Accidents .. ..	1,174	1,245	1,216

(a) Subject to revision.



## II.—LABOUR AND INDUSTRIAL.

## VICTORIA—WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT.

(Thousands.)

Month.	Total Employment.(a)			Total Employment in Main Industrial Groups.						
	Government Employment.(b)	Private Employment.	Total.	Mining and Quarrying.	Factories.(c)	Building and Construction.	Transport and Communication.	Retail Trade.	Other Commerce and Finance.	Professional and Personal Services.(d)
MALES.										
1939—July ..	90.0	267.5	357.5	5.5	128.4	36.4	45.4	75.9		35.9
1952—June ..	153.7	370.8	524.5	5.2	204.1	52.3	71.3	35.9	55.4	49.0
1953—June ..	150.9	370.7	521.6	5.3	206.4	49.5	69.0	36.3	54.7	49.4
1954—June ..	154.8	384.9	539.7	4.9	216.1	51.5	72.0	36.9	57.2	50.1
1955—June ..	158.2	398.5	556.7	4.8	223.4	54.3	72.9	37.2	59.9	52.0
1956—January	158.6	399.4	558.0	5.0	227.2	52.4	67.7	38.1	61.8	52.8
February	158.2	405.0	563.2	4.8	227.7	53.3	71.9	37.4	61.9	53.0
March ..	159.0	405.6	564.6	4.8	228.4	52.6	71.6	37.7	62.3	54.1
FEMALES.										
1939—July ..	16.8	126.1	142.9	0.1	63.9	0.3	3.3	30.8		34.3
1952—June ..	36.9	169.7	206.6	0.1	76.6	1.1	11.6	30.8	20.2	56.6
1953—June ..	35.6	170.3	205.9	0.1	79.6	1.1	10.6	29.8	19.8	56.1
1954—June ..	36.3	181.4	217.7	0.1	86.6	1.2	10.3	31.6	21.2	57.9
1955—June ..	39.2	187.8	227.0	0.1	88.2	1.3	11.0	33.8	22.5	60.8
1956—January	39.9	189.6	229.5	0.1	88.2	1.3	11.3	34.2	23.2	61.7
February	40.4	192.6	233.0	0.1	91.2	1.3	11.5	33.8	24.0	61.7
March ..	41.5	193.2	234.7	0.1	91.2	1.3	11.5	33.5	24.4	63.2
PERSONS.										
1939—July ..	106.8	393.6	500.4	5.6	192.3	36.7	48.7	106.7		70.2
1952—June ..	190.6	540.5	731.1	5.3	280.7	53.4	82.9	66.7	75.6	105.6
1953—June ..	186.5	541.0	727.5	5.4	286.0	50.6	79.6	66.1	74.5	105.5
1954—June ..	191.1	566.3	757.4	5.0	302.7	52.7	82.3	68.5	78.4	108.0
1955—June ..	197.4	586.3	783.7	4.9	311.6	55.6	83.9	71.0	82.4	112.8
1956—January	198.5	589.0	787.5	5.1	315.4	53.7	79.0	72.3	85.0	114.5
February	198.6	597.6	796.2	4.9	318.9	54.6	83.4	71.2	85.9	114.7
March ..	200.5	598.8	799.3	4.9	319.6	53.9	83.1	71.2	86.7	117.3

(a) Excluding wage earners in rural industry, female domestics in private household, Defence Force at home or abroad and National Service trainees in camp. Estimated total employment is based on Pay-roll Tax returns and records of Government employment. All figures for months subsequent to May, 1945 (Factories, June, 1948), subject to revision.

(b) Employees of Commonwealth, State, Local, and Semi-Governmental authorities.

(c) From July, 1948, the monthly figures are estimates subject to revision.

(d) Includes Law and Order, Religion, &c., Health, Education, Other Professional Services, Entertainment, &c., and Personal Service (Hotels, Restaurants, &c., excluding female private domestic).



VICTORIA—BASIC WEEKLY WAGE RATES FIXED BY COMMONWEALTH COURT  
OF CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION.

(Adult Males.)

Payable as from the Beginning of First Pay Period in—	Melbourne.	Ballarat.	Bendigo.	Geelong.	Warrnam- bool.	Five Towns— Weighted Average.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
1939—September ..	81 0	77 0	76 0	80 0	80 0	80 0
1950—February ..	134 0	130 0	130 0	133 0	132 0	134 0
May ..	137 0	133 0	133 0	136 0	135 0	136 0
August ..	140 0	135 0	136 0	139 0	139 0	140 0
November ..	143 0	138 0	139 0	142 0	143 0	142 0
December ..	162 0	157 0	158 0	161 0	162 0	161 0
1951—February ..	170 0	164 0	164 0	167 0	170 0	169 0
May ..	177 0	171 0	171 0	175 0	177 0	177 0
August ..	189 0	188 0	182 0	190 0	188 0	189 0
November ..	199 0	198 0	194 0	198 0	202 0	199 0
1952—February ..	209 0	208 0	205 0	207 0	211 0	209 0
May ..	212 0	211 0	209 0	211 0	215 0	212 0
August ..	224 0	221 0	221 0	222 0	227 0	224 0
November ..	228 0	227 0	226 0	227 0	233 0	228 0
1953—February ..	229 0	226 0	226 0	227 0	234 0	229 0
May ..	232 0	228 0	229 0	228 0	235 0	231 0
August (a) ..	235 0	232 0	232 0	232 0	239 0	235 0
1956—June (b) ..	245 0	242 0	242 0	242 0	249 0	245 0

(a) Automatic adjustment of basic wage discontinued in Commonwealth Awards by the decision of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration announced on 12th September, 1953.

(b) By a decision of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration on 25th May, 1956. Automatic quarterly adjustments not restored.

*Note.*—For information relating to the basic wage payable in a specified industry, reference should be made to the Court Award or the State Wages Board Determination or the Award or Determination of any Special Industrial Tribunal appointed to deal with wages and conditions in respect of that industry.

MELBOURNE—BASIC WEEKLY WAGE RATES UNDER STATE WAGES BOARDS  
DETERMINATIONS. (a) (ADULT MALES.)

Payable as from the Beginning of First Pay Period in—	Amount.
	s. d.
1953—November .. .. .	237 0
1954—February .. .. .	238 0
May .. .. .	237 0
August .. .. .	236 0
November .. .. .	234 0
1955—February .. .. .	235 0
May .. .. .	237 0
August .. .. .	240 0
November .. .. .	246 0
1956—February .. .. .	251 0
May .. .. .	256 0

(a) No basic wage declared but the rates shown are those commonly adopted by Wages Boards. The Labour and Industry Act requires Wages Boards to provide for automatic adjustment of wage rates in accordance with variations in retail price index numbers.

*NOTE.*—Prior to November, 1953, rates generally followed were those fixed by the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration.

## VICTORIA—INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES CAUSING STOPPAGE OF WORK.

Period.	Number.	Workpeople Involved.			Working Days Lost.	Estimated Loss in Wages.
		Directly.	Indirectly. (a)	Total.		
						£'000
1939 Year ..	10	1,989	180	2,169	27,313	20
1952 „ ..	33	60,753	1,167	61,920	116,339	339
1953 „ ..	53	65,962	2,164	68,126	57,160	176
1954 „ ..	76	42,476	2,337	44,813	135,307	458
1955 „ ..	66	33,255	2,287	35,542	138,507	435
1954—March Qr. ..	24	19,411	36	19,447	28,262	97
June Qr. ..	17	9,931	605	10,536	26,379	82
Sept. Qr. ..	19	3,618	517	4,135	15,766	49
Dec. Qr. ..	16	9,516	1,179	10,695	64,900	230
1955—March Qr. ..	25	8,539	824	9,363	21,339	63
June Qr. ..	21	12,546	1,014	13,560	20,475	64
Sept. Qr. ..	9	3,888	265	4,153	78,338	240
Dec. Qr. ..	11	8,282	184	8,466	18,355	68

(a) Persons thrown out of work at the establishments where the stoppage occurred but not themselves parties to the dispute.

**Note.**—The above statement has been compiled by the Commonwealth Statistician.

## III.—PRICE INDEXES.

VICTORIA—"C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX—NUMBERS (COST OF FOOD, GROCERIES, HOUSING—4 AND 5 ROOMS, CLOTHING AND MISCELLANEOUS HOUSEHOLD REQUIREMENTS).

(Base: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities of Australia, 1923-27 = 1,000.)

Period.	Melbourne.	Ballarat.	Bendigo.	Geelong.	Warrnam- bool.	Five Towns— Weighted Average.
November 1914 ..	671	..	..	..	..	..
„ 1921 ..	1,003	992	1,002	1,019	1,034	1,003
Year 1932 ..	813	776	808	794	838	811
„ 1939 ..	924	874	875	911	918	920
„ 1946 ..	1,149	1,094	1,107	1,124	1,153	1,145
„ 1947 ..	1,188	1,132	1,141	1,170	1,186	1,184
„ 1948 ..	1,294	1,243	1,244	1,278	1,283	1,290
„ 1949 ..	1,415	1,365	1,365	1,397	1,398	1,411
„ 1950 ..	1,565	1,509	1,520	1,549	1,558	1,561
„ 1951 ..	1,880	1,857	1,826	1,871	1,886	1,877
„ 1952 ..	2,170	2,147	2,139	2,154	2,205	2,168
„ 1953 ..	2,285	2,265	2,261	2,263	2,323	2,283
„ 1954 ..	2,288	2,272	2,266	2,268	2,345	2,286
„ 1955 ..	2,365	2,340	2,339	2,341	2,407	2,363
1954—March Quarter	2,301	2,288	2,278	2,278	2,356	2,299
June Quarter ..	2,295	2,283	2,271	2,272	2,350	2,293
September Qr.	2,273	2,257	2,254	2,257	2,332	2,272
December Qr.	2,281	2,258	2,261	2,265	2,340	2,279
1955—March Quarter	2,302	2,276	2,280	2,275	2,356	2,300
June Quarter..	2,329	2,310	2,310	2,319	2,381	2,328
September Qr.	2,392	2,365	2,359	2,363	2,419	2,389
December Qr.	2,436	2,408	2,406	2,407	2,472	2,433
1956—March Qr.	2,481	2,437	2,451	2,451	2,481	2,478

Note.—The above index has been computed by the Commonwealth Statistician.

## MELBOURNE WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX—NUMBERS.

The index of wholesale prices was first computed by the Commonwealth Statistician in 1912 and relates chiefly to basic materials and foods weighted in accordance with consumption in the years immediately preceding that date. Neither the component items nor the weighting have been varied. Consequently the index is a measure of changes in wholesale price levels based on usages which have altered substantially since the period on which the weighting was determined. As such it is useful as an indication of long-term trends on the assumption that the relative importance of component items remained constant. But it no longer serves as a measure of price variations from month to month or from year to year of commodities weighted in accordance with present-day consumption. A table relating to this index for varying periods from 1861 to 1950 is shown in issue No. 26 (March, 1953) of this publication. Particulars for subsequent years may be found in the "Labour Report" issued annually by the Commonwealth Statistician.

## WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS—BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS.

Following a conference of Statisticians in 1930 an index by the Commonwealth Statistician has been computed from new data on prices and consumption. Both in contents and method of computation it differs from the Melbourne Index of Wholesale Prices referred to in the previous paragraph. The price quotations have in the main been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants, and, with a few important exceptions, from Melbourne sources. Apart from home-produced building materials and one or two minor commodities, however, the price movements may be taken as representative of fluctuations in wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets. The weighting system adopted is based on average annual consumption during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base: Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Basic Materials.							Foodstuffs and Tobacco.	Basic Materials and Foodstuffs.		
	Metals and Coal.	Oils, Fats, and Waxes.	Textiles.	Chemicals.	Rubber and Hides.	Building Materials.	Total.		Goods Principally Imported. (a)	Goods Principally Home Produced.	All Groups.
1928-29 Year ..	127	106	129	121	115	95	114	107	91	118	110
1931-32 ..	108	113	77	119	74	95	101	86	100	92	95
1938-39 ..	103	100	82	101	92	97	99	103	99	102	101
1945-46 ..	130	156	152	142	140	177	149	135	178	126	141
1946-47 ..	132	145	191	140	131	180	149	138	177	129	143
1947-48 ..	146	161	283	148	126	190	166	153	192	145	159
1948-49 ..	185	173	342	159	130	198	188	175	201	173	181
1949-50 ..	214	184	434	187	143	225	214	198	223	198	205
1950-51 ..	256	196	641	242	292	268	264	232	256	242	246
1951-52 ..	343	220	577	314	298	370	321	281	288	305	300
1952-53 ..	392	234	607	350	224	404	350	294	292	331	320
1953-54 ..	388	222	566	323	191	363	332	313	271	343	321
1954-55 ..	391	214	510	314	246	372	330	311	277	338	320
1954-55—											
July ..	384	217	569	313	183	358	327	308	266	337	316
January ..	394	215	501	315	237	365	329	305	279	331	316
February ..	395	215	505	315	257	373	332	313	281	338	322
March ..	396	214	507	315	264	381	334	319	282	344	326
April ..	397	214	496	315	271	387	335	314	283	341	324
May ..	396	214	497	315	294	389	337	318	283	344	326
June ..	396	214	485	315	306	398	338	324	287	(b) 348	330
1955-56—											
July ..	397	214	486	315	307	398	338	331	281	357	334
August ..	397	215	452	315	323	398	337	329	282	354	333
September ..	405	215	441	315	333	398	340	329	290	352	334
October ..	405	(b) 215	441	315	336	398	340	325	289	350	332
November ..	404	(b) 216	437	317	347	407	342	331	291	355	336
December ..	404	216	447	317	342	407	342	326	291	352	334
January ..	405	216	453	317	330	407	343	327	288	354	334
February ..	405	216	453	317	325	408	343	318	288	347	329
March ..	405	230	446	317	323	425	350	332	299	357	340

(a) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index. This index does not measure changes in price of imports generally. (b) Revised figures.



# IV.—COMMONWEALTH SOCIAL SERVICE AND REPATRIATION BENEFITS IN VICTORIA.

## A.—SOCIAL SERVICE BENEFITS.

Period.	Pensioners at End of Period. (a)		Widows' Pensions (c) in Force at End of Period.		Maternity Allowances (d) Granted During Period.	Child Endowment. (f)	
	Age.	Invalid.	Main- taining a Child.	Not Main- taining a Child.		Claims Current at End of Period.	Endowed Children at End of Period.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1913-14 Year ..	27,150	4,844	..	..	(e)	..	..
1920-21 .. ..	30,385	11,174	..	..	36,778	..	..
1930-31 .. ..	49,999	19,925	..	..	32,241	..	..
1938-39 .. ..	(b) 67,896	(b) 19,471	..	..	20,819	..	..
1948-49 .. ..	81,753	15,575	3,937	7,227	46,309	157,625	265,672
1949-50 .. ..	84,831	14,328	3,892	7,168	49,035	168,904	(g) 452,333
1950-51 .. ..	86,210	13,977	3,842	6,789	50,210	301,805	605,673
1951-52 .. ..	87,845	13,973	3,724	6,498	52,144	317,591	642,693
1952-53 .. ..	93,353	15,019	3,885	6,288	55,297	328,561	672,525
1953-54 .. ..	98,210	15,882	3,885	5,942	54,219	339,022	699,220
1954-55 .. ..	106,406	17,074	3,995	5,800	55,720	350,395	729,399
1st July, 1955 to 19th March, 1956.. ..	110,271	17,693	4,182	5,767	41,702	358,471	751,313

(a) Excluding age and invalid pensioners in benevolent institutions.

(b) During 1939-40 all invalid pensions in force were specially reviewed and, at 30th June, 1940, all those pensioners who had become qualified for age pensions by age and residence were transferred to the age pensions list.

(c) Commenced from 1st July, 1942. Particulars exclude pensions payable to widows in benevolent institutions.

(d) The income restrictions imposed in 1931 and 1932 and modified in 1934, 1936, and 1937 were abolished as from 1st July, 1943.

(e) Not available.

(f) Commenced from 1st July, 1941. Particulars exclude endowed children in approved institutions.

(g) As from 20th June, 1950, endowment became payable in respect of all children under sixteen years of age in a family.

Period.	Unemployment Benefits.(a)		Sickness Benefits.(a)	
	Admissions During Period.	On Benefit at End of Period.(b)	Admissions During Period.	On Benefit at End of Period.(b)
	No.	No.	No.	No.
1945-46 Year ..	2,695	579	10,169	1,790
1946-47 .. ..	16,187	667	14,550	2,468
1947-48 .. ..	1,029	66	17,105	2,506
1948-49 .. ..	288	51	16,712	3,444
1949-50 .. ..	1,037	151	15,120	3,745
1950-51 .. ..	1,145	32	14,715	1,733
1951-52 .. ..	3,058	1,133	11,838	1,578
1952-53 .. ..	39,245	5,939	11,046	2,059
1953-54 .. ..	9,590	1,203	12,843	2,035
1954-55 .. ..	2,398	319	13,095	2,003
1st July, 1955, to 19th March, 1956	(c) 1,673	330	(c) 9,121	1,650

(a) Commenced from 1st July, 1945.

(b) As furnished by the Department of Social Services.

(c) Period from 26th June, 1955, to 31st March, 1956.

## B.—REPATRIATION BENEFITS.

Period.	War Pensions.				Service Pensions.(a)	
	Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependants of Deceased Members of Forces.	Dependants of Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Total.	Members of Forces.	Dependants of Members of Forces.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
At 30th June—						
1921.. ..	26,053	15,410	33,338	74,801	..	..
1931.. ..	25,066	10,994	60,142	96,202	..	..
1939.. ..	25,569	8,412	48,264	82,245	1,876	1,330
1947.. ..	39,711	13,167	48,101	100,979	2,589	1,134
1948.. ..	41,931	13,285	51,648	106,864	2,793	1,192
1949.. ..	44,025	13,486	55,737	113,248	2,736	1,154
1950.. ..	46,553	13,743	61,297	121,593	2,784	1,099
1951.. ..	49,120	13,744	69,055	131,919	2,696	1,071
1952.. ..	51,098	13,758	75,518	140,374	2,661	1,125
1953.. ..	52,785	13,817	81,464	148,066	3,029	1,244
1954.. ..	54,213	13,941	86,456	154,610	3,308	1,318
1955.. ..	56,011	13,998	92,344	162,353	3,614	1,351
At 31st March, 1956.. ..	57,196	13,958	96,108	167,262	4,779	2,485

(a) Commenced from 1st January, 1936.

Note.—Particulars relate to war pensions in respect of 1914-1918 War, 1939-1945 War, and the Korean and Malayan operations, and to service pensions in respect of the South African War, 1914-1918 War, and 1939-1945 War.

## V.—SHIPPING AND COMMERCE.

## VICTORIA—OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE SHIPPING: VESSELS AND TONNAGE ENTERED AND CLEARED.

Period.	Oversea.				Interstate.(a)		Total.	
	Direct.		Via Other States.		Vessels.	Net Tonnage.	Vessels.	Net Tonnage.
	Vessels.	Net Tonnage.	Vessels.	Net Tonnage.				
	<i>Entered.</i>							
		'000		'000		'000		'000
1938-39 Year ..	188	686	548	3,100	2,243	4,751	2,979	8,537
1951-52 " ..	446	1,997	548	3,140	1,322	3,611	2,316	8,748
1952-53 " ..	314	1,370	585	3,322	1,549	3,934	2,448	8,626
1953-54 " ..	331	1,495	629	3,488	1,586	4,030	2,546	9,013
1954-55 " ..	452	2,103	711	3,790	1,555	4,059	2,718	9,952
1954-55—								
September Quarter..	106	480	162	905	375	895	643	2,280
December Quarter ..	120	552	178	957	377	1,012	675	2,521
March Quarter ..	122	572	181	955	402	1,052	705	2,579
June Quarter ..	104	499	190	973	401	1,100	695	2,572
1955-56—								
September Quarter..	122	607	169	870	442	1,099	733	2,576
December Quarter ..	117	601	166	896	324	543	607	2,040
	<i>Cleared.</i>							
		'000		'000		'000		'000
1938-39 Year ..	195	757	495	2,886	2,299	4,837	2,989	8,480
1951-52 " ..	377	1,699	403	2,413	1,548	4,728	2,328	8,840
1952-53 " ..	347	1,515	441	2,553	1,649	4,521	2,437	8,589
1953-54 " ..	343	1,534	458	2,648	1,740	4,828	2,541	9,010
1954-55 " ..	393	1,826	473	2,632	1,853	5,491	2,719	9,949
1954-55—								
September Quarter..	88	408	117	669	463	1,251	668	2,328
December Quarter ..	97	455	119	657	438	1,346	654	2,458
March Quarter ..	99	433	114	684	484	1,404	697	2,521
June Quarter ..	109	530	123	622	468	1,490	700	2,642
1955-56—								
September Quarter..	100	457	113	558	428	1,211	641	2,226
December Quarter ..	106	514	128	707	320	519	554	1,740

(a) Includes oversea vessels on interstate voyages.

(b) Revised annual figures.



# OVERSEA TRADE—RECORDED VALUES OF IMPORTS INTO AND EXPORTS FROM VICTORIAN PORTS.

(Compiled from information collected by the Department of Trade and Customs.)

Period.				Merchandise.	Bullion and Specie.	Total.
				IMPORTS.		
Year ended 30th June—				£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
1939 ..	..	..	..	43,857	551	44,408
1952 ..	..	..	..	361,807	1,386	363,193
1953 ..	..	..	..	173,201	574	173,775
1954 ..	..	..	..	237,281	399	237,680
1955 ..	..	..	..	297,348	146	297,494
Nine months ended 31st March, 1956 (a) ..	..	..	..	228,747	43	228,790
				EXPORTS.		
Year ended 30th June—				£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
1939 ..	..	..	..	28,388	2,431	30,819
1952 ..	..	..	..	185,954	40	185,994
1953 ..	..	..	..	228,004	114	228,118
1954 ..	..	..	..	203,528	53	203,581
1955 ..	..	..	..	216,508	64	216,572
Nine months ended 31st March, 1956 (a) ..	..	..	..	147,439	33	147,472

(a) Subject to revision.

VALUES OF IMPORTS FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES INTO VICTORIAN PORTS  
(SUBJECT TO REVISION).

(Values are in Australian currency f.o.b. at port of shipment.)

Classification.	Quarter Ended— 31st March—		Nine Months Ended 31st March—	
	1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN NOT INCLUDING LIVE ANIMALS .. .. .	748	516	1,715	1,677
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN: NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, ETC. .. .. .	3,949	2,369	9,814	5,613
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS .. .. .	103	87	315	319
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF .. .. .	2,891	1,994	6,544	6,453
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS.. .. .	24	52	35	120
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES, NOT FOODSTUFFS .. .. .	750	383	1,720	1,357
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES .. .. .	1,377	1,392	5,115	4,399
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES, AND APPAREL ..	12,673	11,027	36,480	34,801
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES ..	8,577	9,843	27,315	26,996
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS, AND VARNISHES	660	588	1,713	1,822
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS, ETC. ..	692	706	1,922	2,068
CLASS XII.(a) — METALS AND MANU- FACTURES .. .. .	19,449	18,957	50,554	52,838
CLASS XII.(b) — DYNAMO ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPLIANCES, EQUIPMENT, ETC. .. .. .	1,736	2,775	5,126	6,493
CLASS XII.(a)—MACHINES AND MACHINERY (EXCEPT DYNAMO ELECTRICAL) ..	9,271	10,427	26,939	29,095
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF .. .. .	1,876	2,244	4,954	7,499
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER ..	1,416	978	3,328	3,127
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS, AND GLASSWARE .. .. .	1,246	1,087	3,746	3,524
CLASS XVI.(a)—PULP, PAPER, AND BOARD ..	3,308	2,622	8,422	8,308
CLASS XVI.(b)—PAPER MANUFACTURES AND STATIONERY .. .. .	939	936	2,840	3,114
CLASS XVII.—FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY AND TIMEPIECES .. .. .	689	623	2,706	2,713
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL, AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS .. .. .	715	709	1,994	2,164
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, FERTILIZERS, AND CHEMICALS .. .. .	1,907	1,907	5,807	6,390
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS .. .. .	3,632	6,328	10,921	17,857
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; BRONZE SPECIE .. .. .	35	12	129	43
GRAND TOTAL .. .. .	78,663	78,562	220,154	228,790

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES FROM  
VICTORIAN PORTS (SUBJECT TO REVISION).

Classification.	Quarter Ended— 31st March—		Nine Months Ended 31st March—	
	1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
<b>CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN NOT INCLUDING LIVE ANIMALS—</b>				
Meats—				
Preserved by Cold Process—				
Beef .. .. .	428	158	826	328
Lamb .. .. .	1,647	1,042	5,920	4,448
Mutton .. .. .	292	405	833	1,091
Pork .. .. .	50	12	88	51
Poultry .. .. .	6	3	81	46
Rabbits and Hares .. .. .	173	264	612	833
Other .. .. .	304	228	734	732
Preserved in Tins .. .. .	1,596	1,241	5,316	4,348
Sausage Casings .. .. .	405	379	1,036	1,126
Other .. .. .	48	37	178	164
Butter .. .. .	4,436	3,967	10,429	14,367
Cheese .. .. .	1,330	303	2,860	1,280
Eggs .. .. .	281	69	956	719
Milk and Cream .. .. .	1,841	1,419	4,243	3,512
Other Animal Foodstuffs .. .. .	291	198	601	1,480
Total, Class I... .. .	13,128	9,725	34,713	34,525
<b>CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, ETC.—</b>				
Grains and Cereals—				
Unprepared—				
Wheat .. .. .	4,066	1,710	11,831	6,976
Oats .. .. .	301	438	360	957
Barley .. .. .	467	382	630	547
Other .. .. .	58	3	63	15
Prepared—				
Rice .. .. .	48	91	174	369
Flour (Wheaten) .. .. .	1,942	1,292	5,064	4,651
Oatmeal and Rolled Oats .. .. .	98	34	142	206
Other .. .. .	141	135	388	430
Fruits—				
Fresh .. .. .	584	389	1,030	971
Dried .. .. .	616	109	3,726	3,491
Preserved in liquid .. .. .	1,665	652	5,412	4,292
Other Vegetable Foodstuffs .. .. .	578	356	1,340	1,048
Total, Class II. .. .. .	10,564	5,591	30,160	23,953
<b>CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS .. .. .</b>				
	170	151	438	415
<b>CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF .. .. .</b>				
	9	32	23	218
<b>CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS... .. .</b>				
	28	14	79	34

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES FROM  
VICTORIAN PORTS—*continued*.

Classification.	Quarter Ended— 31st March—		Nine Months Ended 31st March—	
	1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES, NOT FOOD-STUFFS—				
Hides and Skins—				
Rabbit and Hare .. .. .	116	139	395	1,089
Calf, Cattle, and Horse .. .. .	164	146	373	549
Sheep (with wool and without wool) .. .. .	1,923	1,578	5,165	5,162
Other .. .. .	8	5	15	15
Wool—				
Greasy .. .. .	27,265	18,193	60,433	53,087
Scoured, Tops, and Waste .. .. .	3,660	2,988	9,987	9,595
Other Animal Substances .. .. .	25	21	63	63
Total, Class VI. .. .. .	33,161	23,070	76,431	69,560
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES .. .. .	83	16	225	137
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES, AND APPAREL .. .. .	170	124	572	571
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES .. .. .	345	1,894	1,157	3,635
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS, AND VARNISHES .. .. .	38	19	148	113
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS, &c. .. .. .	749	852	2,014	2,543
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY .. .. .	2,120	984	5,787	4,604
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF .. .. .	413	319	1,112	1,079
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER .. .. .	27	33	133	138
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS, AND GLASSWARE .. .. .	35	49	101	125
CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY .. .. .	124	101	426	450
CLASS XVII.—FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY, AND TIMEPIECES .. .. .	48	40	175	166
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS .. .. .	94	60	338	316
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, FERTILIZERS, AND CHEMICALS .. .. .	462	588	1,241	1,771
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS .. .. .	1,062	820	2,754	3,086
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER BRONZE SPECIE .. .. .	25	18	54	33
Australian Produce .. .. .	62,421	44,158	156,723	146,316
Other Produce .. .. .	434	342	1,358	1,156
GRAND TOTAL .. .. .	62,855	44,500	158,081	147,472

## VICTORIA—OVERSEA TRADE WITH OTHER COUNTRIES.

Imports from—	Year Ended 30th June—			Nine Months Ended 31st March, 1956. (a)
	1953.	1954.	1955.	
	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
United Kingdom .. .. .	71,429	113,159	133,950	98,780
Australian Territories .. .. .	1,238	1,229	1,193	1,367
Borneo (British) .. .. .	217	2,219	8,872	2,886
Canada .. .. .	6,329	5,074	5,662	5,993
Ceylon .. .. .	3,386	4,444	7,171	2,135
East Africa (British) .. .. .	1,507	1,271	1,776	977
Hong Kong .. .. .	101	384	666	547
India, Republic of .. .. .	3,699	4,817	6,150	4,951
Malaya, Federation of .. .. .	1,868	3,333	4,569	5,252
New Zealand .. .. .	1,683	2,401	2,468	1,655
Pakistan .. .. .	550	1,687	1,042	859
Rhodesia .. .. .	1,151	1,352	1,978	1,539
Singapore .. .. .	1,759	3,041	1,274	427
South Africa, Union of .. .. .	1,081	917	1,690	990
Other British Possessions .. .. .	1,331	1,468	1,954	1,055
Arabia—				
Bahrain Islands .. .. .	4,689	5,494	4,195	1,792
Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Muscat and Oman, &c. .. .. .	3,822	3,849	6,369	6,482
Austria .. .. .	349	771	1,472	1,249
Belgium .. .. .	1,628	2,432	3,389	2,459
Brazil .. .. .	124	397	854	286
China .. .. .	317	576	422	499
Czechoslovakia .. .. .	371	747	821	816
Finland .. .. .	354	810	1,602	1,222
France .. .. .	4,544	5,766	4,815	4,227
Germany .. .. .	5,094	9,607	13,304	11,184
Indonesia, Republic of .. .. .	5,162	6,500	5,185	5,285
Iran (Persia) .. .. .	73	11	454	5,108
Italy .. .. .	1,731	4,322	5,123	3,617
Japan .. .. .	2,345	2,634	6,559	6,716
Netherlands .. .. .	2,269	3,341	5,902	3,611
Netherlands Antilles .. .. .	665	69	362	925
Norway .. .. .	504	1,181	1,532	1,257
Sweden .. .. .	2,519	3,557	4,614	3,026
Switzerland .. .. .	1,254	3,356	3,767	3,078
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics .. .. .	158	337	418	249
United States of America .. .. .	33,031	27,565	35,744	26,814
Venezuela .. .. .	702	423	403	493
Other Foreign Countries .. .. .	1,503	2,452	4,174	4,059
Country not stated .. .. .	24	33	46	33
Total (excluding Outside Packages) .. .. .	170,561	233,026	291,941	223,900

(a) Subject to revision.



VICTORIA—OVERSEA TRADE WITH OTHER COUNTRIES—*continued.*

Exports to—	Year Ended 30th June—			Nine Months Ended 31st March, 1956. (a)
	1953.	1954.	1955.	
	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
United Kingdom .. .. .	86,009	68,437	84,471	54,986
Australian Territories .. .. .	792	1,119	1,803	1,394
Borneo (British) .. .. .	283	369	559	419
Canada .. .. .	4,015	3,038	3,325	2,578
Ceylon .. .. .	8,115	4,792	3,018	2,047
Hong Kong .. .. .	2,194	1,569	1,417	1,182
India, Republic of .. .. .	5,081	2,832	5,998	1,956
Ireland, Republic of .. .. .	2,128	866	1,059	285
Malaya, Federation of .. .. .	4,420	3,795	3,657	2,425
Mauritius and Dependencies .. .. .	725	835	615	181
New Zealand .. .. .	7,954	8,822	10,053	8,090
Pakistan .. .. .	1,049	828	822	369
Rhodesia, Northern and Southern .. .. .	393	428	398	259
Singapore .. .. .	3,694	3,103	3,441	2,981
South Africa, Union of .. .. .	1,655	1,406	1,235	525
Other British Countries .. .. .	3,960	2,746	3,342	2,359
Arabia .. .. .	571	653	733	379
Belgium .. .. .	6,029	5,067	6,049	2,923
Czechoslovakia .. .. .	1,292	696	1,697	1,045
Egypt .. .. .	1,120	1,007	446	243
France .. .. .	23,451	21,330	21,182	15,707
Germany .. .. .	4,779	6,420	9,855	5,027
Indonesia, Republic of .. .. .	2,404	2,026	1,335	1,657
Italy .. .. .	13,267	13,832	11,377	7,664
Japan .. .. .	17,829	11,381	12,404	12,829
Mexico .. .. .	757	1,156	1,789	927
Netherlands .. .. .	1,240	1,745	2,124	746
Poland .. .. .	1,175	842	1,386	1,208
Sweden .. .. .	1,041	1,510	914	514
Switzerland .. .. .	353	898	750	530
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics .. .. .	444	10,497	153	..
United States of America .. .. .	13,951	12,947	12,244	8,485
Other Foreign Countries .. .. .	5,948	6,589	6,921	5,552
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>228,118</b>	<b>203,581</b>	<b>216,572</b>	<b>147,472</b>

(a) Subject to revision.



QUANTITIES AND VALUES OF THE PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES EXPORTED TO  
OVERSEA COUNTRIES FROM VICTORIAN PORTS.

(Australian Currency Values.)

Commodity.			Year Ended 30th June—			Nine Months Ended 31st March, 1956. (a)
			1953.	1954.	1955.	
Wool—						
Greasy .. .. .	{	'000 lb. £'000	260,691 92,008	236,716 87,936	251,970 84,101	191,580 53,087
Scoured and Washed .. .	{	'000 lb. £'000	31,750 13,173	28,936 12,673	27,867 11,367	19,931 7,280
Tops, Noils, and Waste .. .	{	'000 lb. £'000	8,904 3,023	6,279 2,507	6,361 2,207	6,303 2,315
Butter .. .. .	{	'000 lb. £'000	42,129 7,674	38,484 6,986	80,297 13,642	92,295 14,367
Wheat .. .. .	{	tons £'000	320,230 10,236	191,822 5,919	564,253 15,201	283,425 6,976
Flour (wheaten) .. .. .	{	'000 lb. £'000	713,853 15,329	516,514 10,040	441,726 6,873	313,023 4,651
Fruits—						
Dried .. .. .	{	'000 lb. £'000	113,620 5,315	104,210 4,857	113,395 5,764	65,411 3,491
Fresh—						
Oranges .. .. .	{	bushels £'000	226,065 405	315,758 471	334,754 503	381,499 567
Apples .. .. .	{	bushels £'000	106,310 179	118,724 161	112,966 155	14,365 19
Pears .. .. .	{	bushels £'000	654,838 1,241	911,877 1,643	1,083,558 1,743	228,839 364
Other Fresh Fruits .. .. .	{	£'000	63	80	68	21
Preserved in Liquid .. .. .	{	'000 lb. £'000	97,624 6,149	111,595 7,515	141,215 9,801	55,870 4,292
Meats—						
Beef (frozen) .. .. .	{	'000 lb. £'000	3,454 315	8,696 641	10,359 913	2,831 328
Lamb (frozen) .. .. .	{	'000 lb. £'000	52,164 3,494	22,774 1,782	58,397 6,280	47,159 4,448
Mutton (frozen) .. .. .	{	'000 lb. £'000	43,855 1,426	24,488 836	22,337 1,065	17,709 1,091
Pork (frozen) .. .. .	{	'000 lb. £'000	477 71	278 54	855 113	348 51
Poultry (frozen) .. .. .		£'000	523	140	101	46
Rabbits and Hares (frozen) .. .. .		£'000	1,986	1,105	1,008	833
Preserved in Tins .. .. .	{	'000 lb. £'000	91,279 11,495	54,057 7,821	52,131 7,002	33,571 4,348
Sausage Casings .. .. .		£'000	1,177	958	1,408	1,126
All Other Meats .. .. .		£'000	942	748	1,204	896
Milk and Cream .. .. .		£'000	7,043	6,670	5,601	3,512
Hides and Skins—						
Sheep (with wool) .. .. .	{	'000 lb. £'000	45,514 7,051	35,054 6,158	39,304 6,411	31,847 4,877
Rabbit and Hare .. .. .	{	'000 lb. £'000	3,433 476	2,538 475	2,672 597	2,086 1,089
Other Skins .. .. .		£'000	1,035	1,002	843	849
Tallow (inedible) .. .. .	{	cwt. £'000	173,636 627	192,477 675	143,088 620	183,639 753
Eggs in shell .. .. .	{	'000 doz. £'000	4,733 1,001	2,024 447	3,368 493	2,524 376
Eggs not in shell .. .. .		£'000	646	1,064	478	343
Cheese .. .. .	{	'000 lb. £'000	37,187 4,114	37,865 4,093	31,579 3,361	12,644 1,280

(a) Subject to revision.

## VI.—LAND TRANSPORT.

## VICTORIA—RAILWAYS (EXCLUDING ELECTRIC TRAMWAYS AND ROAD MOTOR SERVICES UNDER THE CONTROL OF RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS).

Particulars.	Year Ended 30th June—				Six Months Ended 31st December, 1955.
	1939.	1953.	1954.	1955.	
Average Mileage operated .. ..	4,754	4,678	4,574	4,458	(a)
Traffic Train Mileage—					
Passenger—Suburban .. .. '000	7,671	7,589	8,193	8,235	4,188
Country .. .. '000	4,764	4,343	4,616	4,615	2,298
Goods .. .. '000	5,455	5,758	5,494	5,890	2,914
Total .. .. '000	17,890	17,690	18,303	18,740	9,400
Passenger Journeys—Suburban .. '000	135,546	154,997	157,658	160,651	81,158
Country .. .. '000	6,578	7,860	8,447	8,553	3,667
Total .. .. '000	142,124	162,857	166,105	169,204	84,825
Goods Carried .. .. tons '000	5,250	8,580	8,622	9,508	4,522
Live Stock Carried .. .. tons '000	726	612	579	575	255
Gross Ton Mileage .. .. '000	4,734,904	5,814,354	6,088,695	6,429,202	3,147,004
Contents Ton Mileage—					
Goods (incl. Live Stock) .. .. '000	760,485	1,262,454	1,269,772	1,426,415	644,296
Average Haul per Ton—					
Goods (inc. Live Stock) .. .. miles	127.26	137.35	138.01	141.47	134.88

(a) Not yet available.

Particulars.	Traffic Train Mileage During Six Months Ended 31st December, 1955.					
	Steam.	Electric Motor.	Rail Motor.	Electric Locomotive.	Diesel Electric Locomotive.	Total.
Passenger Trains—						
Suburban .. .. miles '000	11	4,134	43	..	..	4,188
Country .. .. miles '000	462	..	904	93	839	2,298
Goods Trains .. .. miles '000	1,780	..	..	328	806	2,914
Total Traffic Train Mileage .. .. miles '000	2,253	4,134	947	421	1,645	9,400

Particulars.	Year Ended 30th June—				Six Months Ended 31st December, 1955.
	1939.	1953.	1954.	1955.	
Gross Revenue—					
Ordinary .. .. £'000	9,284	31,867	35,706	37,697	18,237
Recoup by State Treasury towards Interest, &c. .. .. £'000	..	1,795	1,931	2,144	(c)
Total Revenue .. .. £'000	9,284	33,662	37,637	39,841	(c)
Working Expenses (a) .. .. £'000	8,060	34,008	35,950	37,032	19,278
Net Earnings (b) .. .. £'000	1,224	—346	1,687	2,809	(c)
Interest Charges, Exchange and Contributions to National Debt Sinking Fund, &c. .. .. £'000	2,168	2,428	2,591	2,848	(c)
Net Result for Year .. .. £'000	—944	—2,774	—904	—39	(c)

(a) Including cost of pensions and Pay-roll Tax.

(b) Before the payment of capital charges, viz., interest, exchange, sinking fund, &amp;c.

(c) Not yet available.

## MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BOARD.

Particulars.	Year Ended 30th June—				Period from 1st July, 1955, to 17th March, 1956.
	1939.	1953.	1954.	1955.	
<b>Tramway Track Open—</b>					
Double .. .. miles	(a) 127·3	128·8	129·6	129·6	135·9
Single .. .. miles	5·9	4·2	4·2	4·2	4·2
Motor Omnibus Route .. miles	48·6	68·9	64·1	64·1	57·6
<b>Vehicle Mileage—</b>					
Tramways .. .. '000	22,981	22,215	22,000	21,046	15,808
Motor Omnibuses .. .. '000	2,165	8,076	7,892	7,241	4,225
<b>Passenger Journeys—</b>					
Tramways .. .. '000	182,094	207,398	204,747	202,437	148,450
Motor Omnibuses .. .. '000	11,911	61,045	59,111	56,511	27,218
<b>Revenue—</b>					
Traffic Receipts .. ..	£'000 2,305	£'000 6,635	£'000 6,598	£'000 6,443	£'000 4,974
Other .. ..	15	67	45	44	32
<b>Total Revenue .. ..</b>	<b>2,320</b>	<b>6,702</b>	<b>6,643</b>	<b>6,487</b>	<b>5,006</b>
<b>Operating Expenses and Fixed Charges</b>	<b>(b) 1,517</b>	<b>(c) 6,669</b>	<b>(c) 6,867</b>	<b>(c) 6,958</b>	<b>(c) 5,524</b>
Surplus on Operation .. ..	803	33	..	..	..
Deficit on Operation .. ..	..	..	224	471	518

(a) Including 7·94 miles of cable tramway. The cable tramway service ceased operation on 26th October, 1940.

(b) Excluding interest and other charges and appropriations.

(c) Including rates, interest, and depreciation, but excluding appropriations.

## VICTORIA—MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(Excluding Commonwealth-owned vehicles and Defence Service vehicles.)

Period.	Motor Vehicles—				Motor Cycles.
	Private.	Commercial and Hire.	Primary Producers' (a).	Total.	
NEW REGISTRATIONS.					
1938-39 Year .. ..	15,249	3,953	2,494	21,696	2,140
1951-52 .. ..	42,258	13,776	8,461	64,495	5,387
1952-53 .. ..	28,556	7,272	4,343	40,171	2,523
1953-54 .. ..	36,258	7,957	3,801	48,016	2,482
1954-55 .. ..	51,894	10,038	4,505	66,437	2,344
9 Months ended 31st March, 1956 ..	40,802	8,927	3,385	53,114	1,810
RE-REGISTRATION OF USED VEHICLES.					
1938-39 Year .. ..	13,718	3,459	3,277	20,454	4,787
1951-52 .. ..	19,248	5,624	3,855	28,727	6,303
1952-53 .. ..	15,966	4,392	2,598	22,956	6,259
1953-54 .. ..	14,356	3,914	2,358	20,628	5,195
1954-55 .. ..	19,907	5,030	3,630	28,567	5,342
9 Months ended 31st March, 1956 ..	14,644	3,336	2,459	20,439	4,085
RENEWALS OF REGISTRATION.					
1938-39 Year .. ..	122,164	28,750	41,656	192,570	19,771
1951-52 .. ..	280,997	71,614	46,011	398,622	25,506
1952-53 .. ..	326,348	75,774	37,020	439,142	24,655
1953-54 .. ..	342,039	74,173	39,339	455,551	23,163
1954-55 .. ..	378,860	78,514	43,331	500,705	21,464
9 Months ended 31st March, 1956 ..	310,706	59,982	34,619	405,307	15,406
TOTAL REGISTRATIONS.					
1938-39 Year .. ..	151,131	36,162	47,427	234,720	26,698
1951-52 .. ..	342,503	91,014	58,327	491,844	37,196
1952-53 .. ..	370,870	87,438	43,961	502,269	33,437
1953-54 .. ..	392,653	86,044	45,498	524,195	30,840
1954-55 .. ..	450,661	93,532	51,466	595,709	29,150
9 Months ended 31st March, 1956 ..	366,152	72,245	40,463	478,860	21,301

(a) Prior to 12th November, 1951, primary producers' vehicles included private cars and commercial vehicles, but since that date only vehicles, constructed for the carriage of goods and used by primary producers solely in connection with their business, are included under this heading.

## VICTORIA—TRANSPORT BOARD LICENCES AND PERMITS.

Type of Licence or Permit.	Licences in Force at 30th June—			
	1939.	1953.	1954.	1955.
<b>Temporary Licences—</b>				
Commercial Passenger Vehicles .. .. .	79	138	72	62
Commercial Goods Vehicles .. .. .	1,098	2,033	1,737	1,535
Total, Temporary Licences .. .. .	1,177	2,171	1,809	1,597
<b>Permanent "Discretionary" Licences—</b>				
Commercial Passenger Vehicles .. .. .	976	5,258	5,282	5,278
Commercial Goods Vehicles .. .. .	1,894	2,462	2,478	2,768
Total, "Discretionary" Licences .. .. .	2,870	7,720	7,760	8,046
<b>Licences Issued "As of Right"—</b>				
To operate for hire or reward—				
Within 25 miles of Melbourne .. .. .	4,751	10,274	9,529	10,181
Within 25 miles of Ballarat, Bendigo, or Geelong .. .. .	439	1,302	1,232	1,317
Within 20 miles of places of business generally outside radius of Melbourne, Ballarat, Bendigo, and Geelong .. .. .	4,203	8,888	8,227	8,219
Primary Producers .. .. .	699	9,299	9,991	10,770
Commercial Goods Vehicles owned by Butter and Cheese Factories	297	743	669	744
Ancillary Carriers .. .. .	20,062	27,075	25,115	25,885
Vehicles carrying Third Schedule Goods, Racecourse Floats, Petroleum Tank Wagons, and Commercial Travellers' Vehicles	914	6,870	7,193	7,791
Total, "As of Right" .. .. .	31,365	64,451	61,956	64,407
<b>Additional Licences to Commercial Goods Vehicles to Carry Passengers .. .. .</b>	558	150	170	138
<b>Aircraft Licences .. .. .</b>	..	1	1	35
<b>Grand Total Licences .. .. .</b>	<b>35,970</b>	<b>74,493</b>	<b>71,696</b>	<b>74,223</b>
<b>Permits to operate temporarily outside the conditions of the Licences—</b>				
Commercial Passenger Vehicles .. .. .	(a)	4,957	4,526	8,602
Commercial Goods Vehicles .. .. .	(a)	83,398	86,905	84,668
Total Permits .. .. .	(a)	88,355	91,431	93,270

(a) Not available.

VICTORIA—TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.  
(As reported to the Police.)

Period.	Accidents in which Persons were Killed or Injured.	Persons Killed.	Persons Injured.	Accidents in which Persons were Killed or Injured.	Persons Killed.	Persons Injured.
	<i>City of Melbourne (a)</i>			<i>Outside Metropolitan Area.</i>		
1938-39 Year ..	1,470	47	1,593	1,558	194	1,973
1951-52 " ..	1,373	49	1,602	3,783	340	5,179
1952-53 " ..	1,310	42	1,525	4,048	300	5,460
1953-54 " ..	1,086	28	1,248	4,251	315	5,858
1954-55 " ..	1,108	38	1,282	3,999	287	5,516
<b>1953-54—</b>						
December Quarter ..	291	8	332	950	62	1,303
March Quarter ..	294	4	350	1,129	80	1,602
June Quarter ..	174	3	204	1,199	99	1,620
<b>1954-55—</b>						
September Quarter ..	333	17	360	748	50	1,022
December Quarter ..	278	8	319	992	67	1,327
March Quarter ..	213	6	250	1,032	90	1,461
June Quarter ..	284	7	353	1,227	80	1,706
<b>1955-56—</b>						
September Quarter ..	231	7	250	1,029	94	1,413
December Quarter ..	247	5	285	1,010	81	1,473
	<i>Metropolitan Area (excluding City of Melbourne).</i>			<i>Total—Victoria.</i>		
1938-39 Year ..	3,508	177	3,862	6,536	418	7,428
1951-52 " ..	4,955	214	5,750	10,111	603	12,531
1952-53 " ..	4,740	173	5,579	10,098	515	12,564
1953-54 " ..	4,785	148	5,701	10,122	491	12,807
1954-55 " ..	5,110	203	6,035	10,217	528	12,833
<b>1953-54—</b>						
December Quarter ..	1,162	25	1,373	2,403	95	3,008
March Quarter ..	1,085	30	1,304	2,508	114	3,256
June Quarter ..	1,342	49	1,609	2,715	151	3,433
<b>1954-55—</b>						
September Quarter ..	1,350	54	1,574	2,431	121	2,956
December Quarter ..	1,235	48	1,485	2,505	123	3,131
March Quarter ..	1,093	29	1,331	2,338	125	3,042
June Quarter ..	1,432	72	1,645	2,943	159	3,704
<b>1955-56—</b>						
September Quarter ..	1,288	51	1,553	2,548	152	3,216
December Quarter ..	1,325	26	1,650	2,582	112	3,408

(a) Municipality of the City of Melbourne.



## VII.—FINANCE.

## VICTORIA—CONSOLIDATED REVENUE.

Heads of Revenue.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1939.	1952.	1953.	1954.	1955.
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Taxation (a) .. .. .	10,085	12,232	14,364	17,206	20,861
Railways .. .. .	9,349	24,226	31,520	35,698	37,522
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings ..	2,300	4,805	5,179	5,393	6,343
Land .. .. .	387	1,889	2,663	2,683	2,259
Interest n.e.l. .. .. .	1,881	2,267	2,641	3,054	3,664
Commonwealth Payments—					
Under Financial Agreement .. .. .	2,127	2,127	2,127	2,127	2,127
" States Grants (Tax Reimbursement) Act ..	..	20,347	26,028	29,352	32,397
" States Grants (Administration of Controls) Act ..	..	220	262	..	..
" States Grants (Special Assistance) Act ..	..	9,124	7,131	5,622	4,959
All other Revenue .. .. .	857	4,275	4,934	5,470	6,484
Total Revenue .. .. .	26,986	81,512	96,849	106,605	116,616
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Total Revenue per Head of Population ..	14 8 3	35 5 9	40 16 5	44 0 0	46 17 4

(a) For details see page 26.

## VICTORIA—EXPENDITURE FROM CONSOLIDATED REVENUE.

Heads of Expenditure.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1939.	1952.	1953.	1954.	1955.
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Public Debt Charges—					
Interest on Funded Debt ..	6,640	8,157	9,067	10,760	12,972
Exchange on Interest Payments ..	669	578	575	559	533
Sinking Fund Contributions ..	859	2,265	2,587	2,928	3,187
Other .. .. .	62	74	69	80	90
Railways .. .. .	7,694	28,275	32,976	34,465	35,445
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings .. .. .	980	3,367	4,025	4,180	4,133
Education .. .. .	3,123	13,230	15,987	17,391	19,423
Public Health .. .. .	143	786	947	1,078	1,117
Hospitals .. .. .	1,054	9,688	10,570	11,601	14,574
Other Charities (a) .. .. .	2,302	1,837	2,417	2,867	3,559
Law, Order, and Public Safety ..	1,285	5,236	5,736	6,005	6,377
All other Expenditure .. .. .	2,962	10,425	12,258	13,980	13,869
Total Expenditure .. .. .	27,773	83,918	97,214	105,894	115,279
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Total Expenditure per Head of Population .. .. .	14 16 8	36 6 7	40 19 6	43 14 1	46 6 7

(a) Including contributions to Unemployment Relief Fund.

## VICTORIA—STATE TAXATION.

Tax.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1939.	1952.	1953.	1954.	1955.
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
State Taxation Collections—					
Income Taxes (a) .. ..	6,251	29	57	27	22
Land Tax .. ..	482	876	1,370	2,016	2,625
Probate Duty .. ..	1,374	3,874	4,833	5,387	6,305
Stamp Duties, n.e.i. .. ..	960	3,321	3,206	3,685	4,171
Motor Taxation .. ..	1,914	5,215	5,455	5,883	6,330
Racing Taxation .. ..	391(b)	2,113	2,254	2,451	2,100
Entertainments Tax (excluding Racing) .. ..	286	..	..	656	996
Liquor Licences .. ..	255	1,323	1,761	1,963	2,108
Lotteries (Tattersall Duty) .. ..	..	..	..	..	2,598
All other Taxes .. ..	110	192	221	232	242
Paid to Consolidated Revenue	10,085	12,232	14,364	17,206	20,861
Paid to Special Funds .. ..	1,938	4,711	4,793	5,094	6,636
Total State Collections .. ..	12,023	16,943	19,157	22,300	27,497
Tax Reimbursement by Com- monwealth .. ..	..	20,347	26,028	29,352	32,397
Grand Total .. ..	12,023	37,290	45,185	51,652	59,894
Per head of Population—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
State Collections .. ..	6 8 5	7 6 9	8 1 6	9 4 1	11 1 0
Commonwealth Reimbursement	..	8 16 2	10 19 5	12 2 3	13 0 5
Total .. ..	6 8 5	16 2 11	19 0 11	21 6 4	24 1 5

(a) Including Unemployment Relief Tax.

(b) Including Entertainments Tax on horse and dog racing.

## VICTORIA—STATE EXPENDITURE FROM LOAN FUNDS AND ON ACCOUNT OF LOANS.

Heads of Expenditure.	During Year Ended 30th June—			Total to 30th June, 1955.
	1953.	1954.	1955.	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Public Works—				
Railways—				
As reduced .. ..	7,100	8,839	8,183	97,645
Transferred .. ..	..	..	..	29,135
Roads and Bridges .. ..	1,219	1,537	1,126	19,307
Water Supply and Sewerage .. ..	7,000	8,572	9,565	85,544
Electricity Supply .. ..	7,000	6,000	2,000	43,089
Public Buildings—				
Schools .. ..	3,382	4,845	5,374	30,585
Hospitals .. ..	3,640	5,390	4,790	23,097
Other .. ..	841	753	1,070	6,585
Housing .. ..	1,222	41	147	9,960
Unemployment Relief .. ..	..	..	..	13,147
Other Public Works .. ..	1,041	691	573	9,280
Primary Production—				
Land Settlement (a) .. ..	4,650	4,923	4,999	84,723
Advances to Settlers (b) .. ..	1	..	..	3,765
Wire Netting Advances .. ..	32	2	..	1,042
Bulk Handling of Wheat .. ..	..	250	..	1,404
Forestry .. ..	787	900	899	13,981
Mining (including State Coal Mine) .. ..	16	5	7	852
Other Primary Production .. ..	88	75	69	1,896
Coal (Overseas Purchase) .. ..	Cr. 27	..	..	1,960
Gas and Fuel Corporation .. ..	2,455	1,995	1,195	10,589
Rural Finance Corporation .. ..	900	700	800	4,819
Other Purposes .. ..	228	146	155	1,547
Total Public Works, &c. .. ..	41,575	45,664	40,952	493,952
In Aid of Revenue .. ..	2,400	..	..	15,455
Grand Total .. ..	43,975	45,664	40,952	509,407

(a) Including Soldier Settlement.

(b) Including Drought Relief.



## VICTORIA—STATE PUBLIC DEBT.

At 30th June—	Repayable in—			Total.	Total Public Debt per Head of Population.
	London.	New York.	Australia.		
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£ s. d.
1914 .. ..	39,275	..	26,856	66,131	46 10 1
1919 .. ..	43,400	..	39,994	83,394	56 11 8
1929 .. ..	63,398	4,658	91,497	159,553	90 5 4
1939 .. ..	62,498	4,499	112,701	179,698	95 13 3
1954 .. ..	44,908	3,600	328,456	376,964	153 14 4
1955 .. ..	44,777	3,176	363,246	411,199	162 19 7

## ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS (a)—AVERAGE DEPOSITS AND ADVANCES IN VICTORIA.

Period.				Deposits—			Advances.	Ratio of Advances to Total Deposits.
				Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.		
				£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	%
Year 1950-51 .. ..	..	..	..	98,050	310,069	408,119	179,967	44·10
„ 1951-52 .. ..	..	..	..	94,332	329,236	423,568	228,984	54·06
„ 1952-53 .. ..	..	..	..	83,297	321,396	404,693	224,091	55·37
„ 1953-54 .. ..	..	..	..	90,784	353,742	444,526	218,046	49·05
„ 1954-55 .. ..	..	..	..	105,717	367,752	473,469	249,129	52·62
Quarter ended March, 1955 ..	..	..	..	107,379	377,536	484,915	251,551	51·88
„ „ June, 1955 ..	..	..	..	108,150	380,869	489,019	260,493	53·27
„ „ September, 1955 ..	..	..	..	103,564	359,843	463,407	265,182	57·22
„ „ December, 1955 ..	..	..	..	104,667	373,398	478,065	265,795	55·60
„ „ March, 1956 ..	..	..	..	105,997	380,275	486,272	257,838	53·02
1955—Month of January ..	..	..	..	106,906	367,153	474,059	247,354	52·18
„ „ February ..	..	..	..	108,244	375,726	483,970	252,081	52·09
„ „ March ..	..	..	..	107,066	387,290	494,356	254,485	51·48
1956—Month of January ..	..	..	..	108,868	377,718	486,586	256,771	52·77
„ „ February ..	..	..	..	105,832	378,814	484,646	256,517	52·93
„ „ March ..	..	..	..	103,333	384,657	487,990	260,556	53·39

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under *Banking Act* 1945. Includes seven Private Trading Banks; Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd.; Bank of New Zealand; Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; and the Commonwealth Trading Bank of Australia which on 3rd December, 1953, took over the business of the General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia. Average deposits and advances at close of business on Wednesdays in periods.

## MELBOURNE BANKS' CLEARING HOUSE.

Period.								Total Amount Cleared.
								£'000
1929 Year	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	814,668
1939	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	864,631
1951	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,600,401
1952	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,204,105
1953	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,275,071
1954	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,840,422
1955	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5,167,301
1954—March Quarter	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,104,652
June Quarter	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,309,519
September Quarter	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,158,432
December Quarter	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,267,819
1955—March Quarter	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,189,412
June Quarter	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,369,883
September Quarter	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,209,314
December Quarter	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,398,692
1956—March Quarter	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,222,199

## SAVINGS BANKS—DEPOSITS IN VICTORIA.

Period.	Deposits—				Total Deposits per Head of Population.
	State Savings Bank. (a)	Commonwealth Savings Bank.	Other Savings Banks. (b)	Total.	
At 30th June—	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£ s. d.
1929 .. .. .	66,130	6,577	..	72,707	41 2 2
1931 .. .. .	57,138	6,104	..	63,242	35 2 10
1939 .. .. .	69,219	11,242	..	80,461	42 15 4
1949 .. .. .	187,359	51,887	..	239,246	111 16 10
1950 .. .. .	198,680	58,441	..	257,121	116 14 5
1951 .. .. .	213,687	68,092	..	281,779	124 3 5
1952 .. .. .	224,347	76,485	..	300,832	128 16 2
1953 .. .. .	234,834	85,137	..	319,971	134 4 0
1954 .. .. .	245,607	94,174	..	339,781	138 15 2
1955 .. .. .	260,150	104,597	..	364,747	144 11 4
At end of March, 1956 ..	260,835	108,287	6,191	375,313	(c) 146 6 5

(a) Includes School Bank and Deposit Stock Accounts.  
(c) Subject to revision.

(b) On last Wednesday in month.

VICTORIA—RETAIL SALES : HIRE-PURCHASE AGREEMENTS ENTERED INTO BY  
FINANCE COMPANIES.

(The statistics relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail but do not retail goods themselves.)

Period.	New Agreements made during Period—				Balances Outstanding at End of Period. (a)
	Motor Vehicles.	Plant and Machinery.	Household and Personal Goods.	Total (All Goods).	
NUMBER OF AGREEMENTS.					
1954—March .. .. .	12,655	515	32,066	45,236	..
June .. .. .	14,711	662	31,435	46,808	..
September .. .. .	15,680	903	34,927	51,510	..
December .. .. .	17,279	1,114	43,921	62,314	..
1955—March .. .. .	15,610	953	38,288	54,851	..
June .. .. .	18,468	1,009	35,303	54,780	..
September .. .. .	19,789	1,049	37,179	58,017	..
December .. .. .	21,160	1,587	42,740	65,487	..
1956—March .. .. .	18,529	1,183	41,288	61,000	..
VALUE OF GOODS (b) (£'000).					
1954—March .. .. .	8,117	409	2,543	11,069	..
June .. .. .	10,131	695	2,141	12,967	..
September .. .. .	10,922	542	2,540	14,004	..
December .. .. .	12,375	665	3,418	16,458	..
1955—March .. .. .	11,610	603	3,111	15,324	..
June .. .. .	13,456	505	2,581	16,542	..
September .. .. .	14,524	538	2,882	17,944	..
December .. .. .	15,423	1,073	3,710	20,206	..
1956—March .. .. .	13,248	716	3,683	17,647	..
AMOUNT FINANCED (c) (£'000).					
1954—March .. .. .	4,807	237	1,989	7,033	27,623
June .. .. .	6,245	446	1,750	8,441	30,819
September .. .. .	6,397	321	2,054	8,772	34,248
December .. .. .	7,372	407	2,778	10,557	38,859
1955—March .. .. .	6,830	366	2,572	9,768	41,773
June .. .. .	8,039	302	2,077	10,418	44,497
September .. .. .	8,734	322	2,380	11,436	48,178
December .. .. .	9,452	664	3,031	13,147	52,969
1956—March .. .. .	7,959	430	2,955	11,344	54,910

(a) Balances on agreements entered into during the quarter or at any time previously and include hiring charges and insurance.

(b) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance).

(c) Excluding hiring charges and insurance.

## VICTORIA—MORTGAGES OF REAL ESTATE LODGED.

Period.	Under £5,000.		£5,000 and Over.		Total Mortgages. (a)	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
		£'000		£'000		£'000
1955 Year . . . . .	31,886	51,998	1,325	23,555	33,211	75,553
1955—						
March Quarter . . . . .	6,693	10,773	282	4,183	6,975	14,956
June Quarter . . . . .	7,963	12,882	322	7,233	8,285	20,115
September Quarter . . . . .	8,357	13,443	371	6,294	8,728	19,737
December Quarter . . . . .	8,873	14,900	350	5,845	9,223	20,745
1956—						
March Quarter . . . . .	7,315	12,323	346	6,618	7,661	18,941

(a) Excluding mortgages to Trading Banks to secure overdrafts on current accounts which numbered 7,858 during the year 1955.

## VICTORIA—MORTGAGES OF REAL ESTATE LODGED DURING THE THREE MONTHS ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1956.

(Lodgings under Transfer of Land Acts and Property Law Act.)

Type of Mortgagee.	Mortgages.					
	Under £5,000.		£5,000 and Over.		Total.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
		£'000		£'000		£'000
Banks (a) . . . . .	1,785	3,412	13	142	1,798	3,554
Building Societies . . . . .	340	513	..	..	340	513
Co-operative Housing Societies . . . . .	627	1,223	..	..	627	1,223
Friendly Societies . . . . .	16	24	..	..	16	24
Insurance Companies . . . . .	390	881	65	1,538	455	2,419
Commonwealth and State Government Institutions (b) . . . . .	1,068	2,082	33	291	1,101	2,373
Trustee Institutions . . . . .	27	79	11	2,569	38	2,648
Other Mortgagees . . . . .	3,062	4,109	224	2,078	3,286	6,187
Total . . . . .	7,315	12,323	346	6,618	7,661	18,941
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Proportion of Total Mortgages	95·5	65·1	4·5	34·9	100·0	100·0

(a) Including Commonwealth Bank (all Departments), State Savings Bank, &c., but excluding 1,344 mortgages to Trading Banks to secure overdrafts on current accounts.

(b) Including Rural Finance Corporation, Soldier Settlement Commission and War Service Homes Division of the Department of Social Services.

## VICTORIA—COMPANIES REGISTERED UNDER COMPANIES ACT.

Particulars.	Year Ended 31st December—				Three Months Ended 31st March, 1956.
	1939.	1953.	1954.	1955.	
Number registered during period—					
Victorian Trading .. ..	537	1,109	1,521	1,937	372
Foreign .. ..	37	107	116	141	25
Mining .. ..	28	8	15	3	..
Total .. ..	602	1,224	1,652	2,081	397
Nominal Capital of Companies registered during period—	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Victorian Trading .. ..	17,302	63,640	104,166	96,189	10,766
Foreign .. ..	8,975	33,682	39,099	91,670	35,178
Mining .. ..	..	805	82	11	..
Number of Existing Companies at end of period—					
Victorian Trading .. ..	10,229	14,093	14,983	16,573	16,777
Foreign .. ..	643	1,256	1,306	1,420	1,438
Increase during the period in nominal Capital of Existing Companies—	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Victorian Trading .. ..	6,854	61,205	118,829	90,997	22,473
Mining .. ..	1,097	1,692	11,899	1,999	500

## VIII.—PRODUCTION.

## VICTORIA—RAINFALL, YEARLY AND MONTHLY RECORDS AND MEANS.

Period.	Districts.								Whole State—Weighted Average.
	Mallee.	Wimmera.	Northern.	North-Central.	North-Eastern.	Western.	Central.	Gipps-land.	
	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.
Averages 1911–1940 (a)	12·49	17·52	18·06	27·06	34·81	27·58	29·64	33·47	24·28
Year—									
1951 ..	12·09	19·61	20·26	31·87	37·45	33·32	34·71	41·78	27·91
1952 ..	15·22	21·87	21·86	35·56	46·24	39·30	40·66	48·71	32·75
1953 ..	12·27	19·62	16·81	28·69	35·57	30·40	30·75	35·29	25·38
1954 ..	13·41	17·68	21·22	29·88	35·58	25·92	30·93	34·02	25·02
1955 ..	17·68	22·44	26·00	35·99	49·05	32·40	34·12	33·86	30·24
1955—									
January ..	0·08	0·25	0·80	0·93	1·86	0·82	1·11	0·86	0·77
February ..	2·86	2·39	4·82	3·82	4·47	2·28	3·30	3·30	3·28
March ..	1·14	0·88	1·69	1·38	4·04	0·93	2·39	2·16	1·77
Three Months of 1955 ..	4·08	3·52	7·31	6·13	10·37	4·03	6·80	6·32	5·82
1956—									
January ..	0·65	0·72	2·25	2·97	5·11	1·46	3·09	5·24	2·55
February ..	0·07	0·06	0·39	0·18	0·88	0·12	0·15	0·96	0·37
March ..	3·26	3·22	4·98	3·47	6·35	3·07	2·32	3·52	3·79
Three Months of 1956 ..	3·98	4·00	7·62	6·62	12·34	4·65	5·56	9·72	6·71

(a) Averages for a standard 30 years' period, 1911–1940.



# VICTORIA—AREA, YIELD, AND GROSS VALUE OF CROPS, 1954-55.

Crop.	Area.	Yield.	Gross Value (a).
	Acres.		£
Cereals for Grain—			
Barley—			
2 row .. .. .	261,206	4,608,546 bushels .. .. .	2,985,106
6 row .. .. .	19,389	337,174 bushels .. .. .	169,791
Maize—Hybrid .. .. .	3,337	190,801 bushels .. .. .	177,032
Not Hybrid .. .. .	1,042	37,980 bushels .. .. .	
Oats .. .. .	644,444	10,020,742 bushels .. .. .	4,415,390
Rye .. .. .	21,880	141,363 bushels .. .. .	88,352
Wheat .. .. .	2,390,173	48,484,543 bushels .. .. .	30,515,605
Hay—			
Barley and Rye .. .. .	2,091	2,504 tons .. .. .	21,625
Lucerne .. .. .	61,538	113,200 tons .. .. .	1,346,987
Meadow .. .. .	426,014	718,753 tons .. .. .	6,885,182
Oaten .. .. .	209,474	313,186 tons .. .. .	3,032,404
Wheaten .. .. .	39,982	60,036 tons .. .. .	556,342
Green Fodder .. .. .	77,135		545,661
Straw .. .. .		30,000 tons .. .. .	265,650
Grass and Clover Seed .. .. .	11,930	19,050 cwt. .. .. .	393,538
Industrial Crops—			
Broom Millet .. .. .	78	372 cwt. fibre .. .. .	3,022
		106 cwt. seed .. .. .	110
Flax .. .. .	5,878	7,799 tons of straw .. .. .	120,156
Linseed .. .. .	1,829	14,320 bushels .. .. .	24,309
Hops .. .. .	384	7,440 cwt. .. .. .	284,717
Mustard .. .. .	222	1,240 cwt. .. .. .	7,945
Tobacco .. .. .	2,471	7,751 cwt. .. .. .	466,806
Chicory .. .. .	300	410 tons .. .. .	38,745
Vegetables—			
Onions.. .. .	3,970	26,091 tons .. .. .	841,217
Potatoes .. .. .	44,075	206,577 tons .. .. .	5,839,461
Other .. .. .	31,225		8,369,305
Stock Fodder—			
Grey and Other Field Peas .. .. .	10,503	270,252 bushels .. .. .	242,776
Pumpkins .. .. .	345	1,487 tons .. .. .	29,740
Turnips, Beet, &c. .. .. .	5,955	15,206 tons .. .. .	880,150
Vineyards—			
Grapes—			
Table .. .. .	1,927	4,838 tons .. .. .	348,336
Wine .. .. .	5,081	8,290 tons .. .. .	124,970
		Wine made, 1,611,923 gallons	
Drying .. .. .	35,921	216,344 tons producing—	
		43,805 tons of sultanas .. .. .	(b) 4,698,634
		5,562 tons of raisins .. .. .	(b) 535,852
		4,675 tons of currants .. .. .	(b) 541,268
Vines, unproductive .. .. .	2,828		
Orchards—			
Productive .. .. .	52,468		9,205,089
Unproductive .. .. .	13,623		
All Other Crops .. .. .	5,733		803,857
Total Crops .. .. .	4,394,451		(b) 84,305,130

(a) The gross value is based on the wholesale price realized in the principal markets. The places where primary products are absorbed locally or where they become raw materials for a secondary industry are presumed to be the principal markets.

(b) Subject to revision.

## VICTORIA—ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND AVERAGE YIELD OF PRINCIPAL CROPS.

Season.	For Grain—			Hay.	Potatoes.	Grapes for Drying (a).	Fruit (b).
	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.				
Area of Crops.							
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
1950-51 .. ..	2,735,473	527,217	217,096	557,454	52,482	34,438	55,850
1951-52 .. ..	2,463,574	676,503	186,224	640,418	42,108	34,633	55,376
1952-53 .. ..	2,232,097	756,129	234,597	752,932	52,851	35,706	52,729
1953-54 .. ..	2,389,304	583,075	374,555	807,223	52,745	35,735	52,519
1954-55 .. ..	2,390,173	644,444	280,595	(c)739,099	44,075	35,921	52,468
Total Production.							
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons (d)	
1950-51 .. ..	51,235,929	9,034,005	4,510,079	894,585	139,391	34,087	..
1951-52 .. ..	45,994,752	11,151,260	3,619,576	1,046,764	178,399	48,692	..
1952-53 .. ..	50,334,634	12,599,050	4,734,175	1,245,217	133,148	61,687	..
1953-54 .. ..	53,697,611	9,851,708	7,932,103	1,360,662	213,714	55,742	..
1954-55 .. ..	48,484,543	10,020,742	4,945,720	1,207,679	206,577	54,042	..
Average Yield per Acre.							
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.(d)	
1950-51 .. ..	18·73	17·14	20·77	1·60	2·66	0·99	..
1951-52 .. ..	18·67	16·48	19·44	1·63	4·24	1·41	..
1952-53 .. ..	22·55	16·66	20·18	1·65	2·52	1·73	..
1953-54 .. ..	22·47	16·90	21·18	1·69	4·05	1·56	..
1954-55 .. ..	20·28	15·55	17·63	1·63	4·69	1·50	..

(a) Excluding table grapes, wine grapes and unproductive vines, the area of which in 1954-55 amounted to 1,927, 5,081, and 2,828 acres respectively.

(b) Productive orchards only. The area of unproductive orchards in 1954-55 was 13,623 acres. Owing to the varying units of quantity, total production cannot be conveniently shown in this statement (See *Victorian Year-Book*).

(c) Including wheaten 39,982 acres and oats 209,474 acres.

(d) Weight of dried produce.

## LIVE STOCK IN VICTORIA.

At 31st March—			Horses.	Cattle.			Pigs.	Sheep.
				All Dairy Cattle.	Beef Cattle.	Total.		
			No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1951	..	..	186,415	1,489,393	726,860	2,216,253	237,127	20,011,933
1952	..	..	169,246	1,438,523	776,007	2,214,530	213,670	21,537,229
1953	..	..	153,662	1,476,980	820,228	2,297,208	182,824	21,368,196
1954	..	..	140,818	1,552,968	817,216	2,370,184	232,384	21,438,007
1955	..	..	132,172	1,612,910	843,393	2,456,303	263,666	(a)22,329,515

(a) The highest number ever recorded and exceeds the March, 1952, record of 21,537,229 by 792,286.

## VICTORIA—WOOL PRODUCTION AND VALUE.

Season.			Clip.	Stripped from and Exported on Skins, &c. (Greasy).	Total Quantity (Greasy).	Gross Value.	Average Price per lb. (a)
			'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	£'000	d.
1950-51	..	..	193,211	25,055	218,266	132,946	146·18
1951-52	..	..	201,776	23,182	224,958	63,638	67·89
1952-53	..	..	214,035	38,160	252,195	78,761	74·95
1953-54	..	..	192,184	31,297	223,481	73,384	78·81
1954-55	..	..	219,517	33,847	253,364	75,125	71·16

(a) Includes value of wool stripped from and exported on skins.

## VICTORIA—MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

Particulars.					Year Ended 30th June—			
					1939.	1952.	1953.	1954.
Factories .. .. .	No.				9,250	14,758	15,154	15,533
Persons employed (a)—								
Males .. .. .	No.				136,218	233,699	228,724	240,698
Females .. .. .	No.				65,613	90,444	82,035	90,579
Total .. .. .	No.				201,831	324,143	310,759	331,277
Wages paid (b)—					£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Males .. .. .					29,006	163,688	171,897	190,573
Females .. .. .					7,021	38,898	38,981	45,463
Total .. .. .					36,027	202,586	210,878	236,036
Value of—					£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Fuel, light, and power used .. .. .					3,595	20,779	24,354	27,540
Lubricating oil and water used and repairs .. .. .					2,655	15,707	15,948	18,123
Materials used (including containers) .. .. .					80,722	463,121	461,811	531,528
Production (net) .. .. .					65,996	334,360	358,033	408,314
Output .. .. .					152,968	833,967	860,146	985,505
Land and buildings .. .. .					42,026	119,465	135,325	158,389
Machinery and plant .. .. .					38,570	128,934	147,365	181,059

(a) Average over whole year. Includes working proprietors.

(b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors.

## VICTORIA—MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—VALUE ADDED IN PROCESS OF MANUFACTURE.

Class of Industry.					Year Ended 30th June—			
					1939.	1952.	1953.	1954.
					£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Treatment of non-metalliferous mine and quarry products .. .. .					1,576	6,398	6,863	7,730
Bricks, pottery, glass, &c. .. .. .					1,530	4,996	5,209	6,205
Chemicals, dyes, explosives, paints, oils, and grease .. .. .					4,462	20,621	21,506	27,346
Industrial metals, machines, implements, and conveyances .. .. .					16,460	115,726	123,089	138,569
Precious metals, jewellery, and plate .. .. .					547	2,916	2,646	3,103
Textiles and textile goods (not dress) .. .. .					6,324	29,301	36,219	43,860
Skins, and leather (not clothing or footwear) .. .. .					1,373	5,341	6,617	6,464
Clothing .. .. .					7,865	35,033	36,689	41,286
Food, drink, and tobacco .. .. .					12,610	46,771	51,322	55,231
Woodworking and basketware .. .. .					2,391	15,045	14,473	16,383
Furniture, bedding, &c. .. .. .					1,281	6,192	6,001	6,301
Paper, stationery, printing, bookbinding, etc. .. .. .					4,930	23,297	23,659	27,373
Rubber .. .. .					1,573	8,029	7,092	9,296
Musical instruments .. .. .					24	182	190	296
Miscellaneous products .. .. .					722	7,858	8,140	10,357
Heat, light, and power .. .. .					2,328	6,654	8,318	8,514
Total .. .. .					65,996	334,360	358,033	408,314

*Note.*—"Added Value" is the source from which provision is made for the following:—salaries and wages, depreciation, taxation, rent, insurance, miscellaneous expenses and profits.

## VICTORIA—VALUE OF RECORDED PRODUCTION, 1953-54.

Industry.	Gross Value of Production. (a)	Marketing Costs.	Value at Place of Production.	Costs of Production. (b)	Net Value of Production.	Net Value per Head of Population.
Primary—	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£ s. d.
Agriculture .. ..	89,374	14,587	74,787	9,163	65,624	27 1 8
Pastoral .. ..	123,226	9,972	113,254	4,324	108,930	44 19 2
Dairying .. ..	57,730	2,178	55,552	9,350	46,202	19 1 5
Poultry and Bee Farming	22,170	1,691	20,479	6,086	14,393	5 18 10
Trapping, Forestry, and Fisheries .. ..	13,403	1,047	12,356	..	12,356	5 2 0
Mining.. ..	10,317	988	9,329	2,052	7,277	3 0 1
Total Primary .. ..	316,220	30,463	285,757	30,975	254,782	105 3 2
Manufacturing (c) ..	408,314	..	408,314	..	408,314	168 10 6
Total all Industries ..	724,534	30,463	694,071	30,975	663,096	273 13 8

(a) Gross value is defined as the value of recorded production at the wholesale price realized in the principal markets. In cases where primary products are absorbed locally, or where they become raw material for secondary industry, these points are presumed to be the principal markets.

(b) Costs of production include stock feed, seed costs and pickling, manures, spraying, sheep and cattle dips, power, fuel, water, and all other materials used in production, but exclude depreciation, wages and maintenance costs.

(c) Manufacturing is included at its net added value because the gross or wholesale selling value contains so much duplication of products, the finished article of one class of manufacture forming in numerous cases the raw material for others.

## VICTORIA—NET VALUE (a) OF RECORDED PRODUCTION PER HEAD OF POPULATION.

Year.	Industry.							Total.
	Agriculture.	Pastoral.	Dairying.	Poultry and Bee Farming.	Trapping, Forestry and Fisheries.	Mining.	Manufacturing.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1939-40 ..	6 8 9	8 13 10	6 10 6	1 13 6	1 3 1	1 2 4	39 3 2	64 15 2
1940-41 ..	3 16 7	9 14 2	6 16 4	1 4 9	1 12 9	1 6 2	46 7 8	70 18 5
1941-42 ..	8 1 9	10 9 6	6 9 0	1 8 4	2 2 1	1 2 8	56 15 6	86 8 10
1942-43 ..	10 2 11	12 11 4	6 6 6	2 10 1	1 17 6	0 19 1	61 11 7	95 19 0
1943-44 ..	8 12 3	13 2 9	6 19 1	2 12 6	2 11 0	0 15 6	62 0 3	96 13 4
1944-45 ..	7 8 7	12 3 9	7 6 4	2 15 2	2 9 6	0 15 5	61 0 4	93 19 1
1945-46 ..	11 2 7	8 19 7	7 9 2	2 17 4	3 0 0	0 17 3	60 14 7	95 0 6
1946-47 ..	16 3 9	14 0 9	8 16 10	2 15 1	3 3 11	1 0 2	64 9 3	110 9 9
1947-48 ..	24 2 1	20 11 10	9 10 4	2 19 8	3 11 4	1 2 2	76 12 0	138 9 5
1948-49 ..	18 12 5	25 7 0	10 10 8	3 16 5	3 18 0	1 0 7	86 9 7	149 14 8
1949-50 ..	24 16 9	35 14 0	12 10 5	3 18 1	4 5 9	1 0 10	101 0 6	183 6 4
1950-51 ..	23 18 1	72 11 5	13 4 5	4 10 2	4 12 5	1 6 7	123 4 10	243 7 11
1951-52 ..	27 16 10	43 7 4	17 0 3	5 11 1	5 8 9	1 16 7	145 5 6	246 6 4
1952-53 ..	27 10 10	45 18 2	18 1 5	6 8 4	5 4 9	2 16 2	151 11 0	257 10 8
1953-54 ..	27 1 8	44 19 2	19 1 5	5 18 10	5 2 0	3 0 1	168 10 6	273 13 8

(a) See footnote (b) above.



# VICTORIA—PRODUCTION OF BLACK COAL AND BROWN COAL AND BRIQUETTES MANUFACTURED.

Period.			Black Coal.	Brown Coal.				Briquettes Manu- factured. (a).	
				State Electricity Commission.			Privately- operated Mines.		Total.
				Yallourn.	Yallourn North.	Morwell.			
Year ended 31st Dec- ember—			'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	
1939 .. ..			365	3,650	..	1	3,651	415	
1946 .. ..			191	5,547	90	70	5,707	504	
1947 .. ..			174	5,791	153	196	6,140	514	
1948 .. ..			168	6,091	333	268	6,692	542	
1949 .. ..			123	6,321	644	410	7,375	577	
1950 .. ..			126	6,211	623	493	7,327	527	
1951 .. ..			148	6,314	927	595	7,836	563	
1952 .. ..			144	6,448	1,087	569	8,104	554	
1953 .. ..			152	6,475	1,242	540	8,257	560	
1954 .. ..			141	7,081	1,312	938	9,331	614	
1955 .. ..			133	7,721	1,505	11	875	10,112	636
1954—									
March Quarter ..			33	1,595	307	187	2,089	141	
June Quarter ..			28	1,838	325	253	2,416	167	
September Quarter ..			41	1,874	349	260	2,483	159	
December Quarter ..			39	1,774	331	238	2,343	147	
1955—									
March Quarter ..			32	1,753	331	185	2,269	156	
June Quarter ..			32	1,970	380	222	2,572	168	
September Quarter ..			34	2,061	413	256	2,730	161	
December Quarter ..			35	1,937	381	11	212	2,541	151
1956—									
March Quarter ..			26	1,884	361	4	190	2,439	163

(a) The quantity of brown coal used in the manufacture of briquettes is included in previous columns in the figures of production by the State Electricity Commission.

## VICTORIA—IMPORTS (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA) OF BLACK COAL.

Period.		Interstate.			Oversea.				Grand Total—Interstate and Oversea.
		From New South Wales.	From Queens-land.	Total.	From United Kingdom.	From India.	From South Africa.	Total.	
Year ended 31st December—		'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.
1939 .. ..		1,404	..	1,404	..	..	..	..	1,404
1946 .. ..		1,504	..	1,504	..	..	..	..	1,504
1947 .. ..		1,413	..	1,413	..	..	..	..	1,413
1948 .. ..		1,440	..	1,440	24	..	..	24	1,464
1949 .. ..		1,197	..	1,197	145	185	24	354	1,551
1950 .. ..		1,144	8	1,152	..	211	217	428	1,580
1951 .. ..		1,236	72	1,308	..	139	72	211	1,519
1952 .. ..		1,488	166	1,654	..	200	..	200	1,854
1953 .. ..		1,262	160	1,422	..	17	..	17	1,439
1954 .. ..		1,252	143	1,395	..	..	..	..	1,395
1955 .. ..		1,241	121	1,362	..	..	..	..	1,362
1954—									
March Quarter		273	20	293	..	..	..	..	293
June Quarter		317	39	356	..	..	..	..	356
Sept. Quarter		361	47	408	..	..	..	..	408
Dec. Quarter		301	37	338	..	..	..	..	338
1955—									
March Quarter		253	22	275	..	..	..	..	275
June Quarter		352	19	371	..	..	..	..	371
Sept. Quarter		338	53	391	..	..	..	..	391
Dec. Quarter		298	27	325	..	..	..	..	325
1956—									
March Quarter		191	8	199	..	..	..	..	199



# STATE ELECTRICITY COMMISSION OF VICTORIA—ELECTRICITY GENERATED AND SENT OUT.

Period.	Electricity Generated—			Electricity Sent Out from Generating Stations—		
	Hydro Stations.	Thermal Stations.	Total.	Hydro Stations.	Thermal Stations.	Total.
	kWh millions.	kWh millions.	kWh millions.	kWh millions.	kWh millions.	kWh millions.
1938-39 Year ..	103·2	824·1	927·3	102·8	739·2	842·0
1950-51 ..	194·2	2,411·3	2,605·5	191·7	2,276·2	2,467·9
1951-52 ..	226·4	2,565·3	2,791·7	224·1	2,420·5	2,644·6
1952-53 ..	234·9	2,785·5	3,020·4	232·2	2,622·4	2,854·6
1953-54 ..	154·9	3,347·5	3,502·4	151·4	3,149·5	3,300·9
1954-55 ..	219·3	3,751·1	3,970·4	215·7	3,514·6	3,730·3
1953-54—						
March Quarter ..	16·6	801·1	817·7	15·5	754·5	770·0
June Quarter ..	24·5	932·3	956·8	23·9	871·4	895·3
1954-55—						
September Quarter	52·7	988·6	1,041·3	50·8	926·9	977·7
December Quarter..	66·6	868·0	934·6	65·8	812·2	878·0
March Quarter ..	48·1	859·4	907·5	47·7	804·2	851·9
June Quarter ..	51·9	1,035·1	1,087·0	51·4	971·3	1,022·7
1955-56—						
September Quarter	123·3	1,050·3	1,173·6	122·3	984·8	1,107·1
December Quarter..	122·9	927·5	1,050·4	122·0	869·1	991·1
March Quarter ..	70·5	933·1	1,003·6	69·8	876·8	946·6

Note.—Figures above of electricity generated by the State Electricity Commission (including Melbourne City Council Power House, Spencer-street) represented in 1954-55, 99 per cent. of the total generated by all authorities in Victoria.

## IX.—MISCELLANEOUS.

### GREATER MELBOURNE—BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED BY MUNICIPALITIES.

Period.	New Buildings—				Alterations and Additions.		Total.	
	Dwellings (including Flats, Hotels, &c.).		Other Buildings.					
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		£'000		£'000		£'000		£'000
(a) Old Series.								
1938 Year .. .. .	5,333	5,318	531	1,641	6,124	1,446	11,988	8,405
1939 " " " " " "	5,148	5,370	483	1,655	6,113	1,658	11,741	8,683
1947 " " " " " "	8,787	18,685	476	2,156	6,664	2,057	15,927	17,898
1948 " " " " " "	8,531	14,837	371	1,660	6,090	2,217	14,992	18,714
1949 " " " " " "	10,768	20,391	331	1,846	6,920	2,142	18,019	24,379
1950 " " " " " "	12,268	26,343	467	3,045	10,368	3,185	23,103	32,573
1951 " " " " " "	11,110	29,462	593	4,706	17,450	5,639	29,153	39,807
1952 " " " " " "	6,621	18,916	777	6,299	17,212	6,584	24,610	31,799
1953 " " " " " "	8,671	25,823	1,311	7,400	17,713	7,182	27,695	40,405
1954 " " " " " "	10,719	33,589	1,304	11,715	17,509	8,834	29,532	54,138
(b) New Series.								
1954 Year .. .. .	13,505	40,550	1,592	17,140	19,333	9,496	34,430	67,186
1955 " " " " " "	14,305	45,938	1,299	14,524	20,729	12,819	36,333	73,281
1954—								
March Quarter ..	2,970	8,661	320	5,190	4,460	1,687	7,750	15,538
June Quarter ..	3,365	9,849	448	4,564	5,021	2,707	8,834	17,120
September Quarter ..	3,764	11,906	431	2,459	5,232	2,577	9,427	16,942
December Quarter ..	3,406	10,134	393	4,927	4,620	2,525	8,419	17,586
1955—								
March Quarter ..	3,329	10,774	369	3,488	4,912	3,114	8,610	17,376
June Quarter ..	3,559	11,187	313	3,842	5,355	3,514	9,227	18,542
September Quarter ..	3,846	12,352	335	3,930	5,492	3,371	9,673	19,653
December Quarter ..	3,571	11,625	282	3,264	4,970	2,820	8,823	17,709
1956—								
March Quarter ..	3,433	11,365	275	2,901	5,073	2,972	8,781	17,238

As from 1st January, 1954, the metropolitan area was re-defined for statistical purposes by the inclusion of additional municipal areas.

(a) Municipal areas in metropolis prior to 1st January, 1954.

(b) Municipal areas in metropolis as from 1st January, 1954.

Note.—The above statement includes War Service Homes dwellings but excludes Housing Commission and other Government buildings.

## VICTORIA—BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED BY TEN(a) PROVINCIAL MUNICIPALITIES.

Period.	New Buildings—				Alterations and Additions.		Total.	
	Dwellings (including Flats, Hotels, &c.).		Other Buildings.		No.	Value.	No.	Value.
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.				
		£'000		£'000		£'000		£'000
1939 Year .. .. .	647	460	59	107	619	153	1,325	720
1946 „ .. .. .	693	768	39	34	1,096	160	1,828	962
1947 „ .. .. .	819	1,032	47	99	937	162	1,803	1,293
1948 „ .. .. .	800	1,203	33	443	832	251	1,665	1,897
1949 „ .. .. .	1,060	1,793	41	585	1,149	275	2,250	2,653
1950 „ .. .. .	1,280	2,446	29	118	1,172	429	2,481	2,993
1951 „ .. .. .	1,072	2,469	60	572	1,369	362	2,501	3,403
1952 „ .. .. .	657	1,587	95	642	1,363	604	2,115	2,833
1953 „ .. .. .	787	2,075	150	1,173	1,473	712	2,410	3,960
1954 „ .. .. .	964	2,787	159	1,318	1,558	858	2,681	4,963
1955 „ .. .. .	868	2,662	141	1,515	1,606	1,390	2,615	5,587
1954—								
March Quarter ..	188	536	30	169	305	129	523	834
June Quarter ..	220	652	36	348	427	166	683	1,166
September Quarter..	317	914	59	566	481	322	857	1,802
December Quarter ..	239	685	34	235	345	241	618	1,161
1955—								
March Quarter ..	198	585	25	226	390	239	613	1,050
June Quarter ..	220	675	42	370	409	273	671	1,318
September Quarter..	243	760	38	494	410	690	691	1,944
December Quarter ..	207	642	36	425	397	188	640	1,255
1956—								
March Quarter ..	201	622	39	474	352	273	592	1,369

(a) Includes the Cities of Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Geelong West, Horsham, Mildura, Newtown and Chilwell, Sale, Shepparton, and Warrnambool.

Note.—The above statement includes War Service Homes dwellings but excludes Housing Commission and other Government buildings.

## HOUSING COMMISSION OF VICTORIA.

Period.	Contracts Let(a) during Period for the Erection of Dwelling Units.			Dwelling Units Completed during Period.		
	Metropolitan Area.	Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.	Metropolitan Area.	Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Prior to 1942-43 ..	1,092	135	1,227	1,080	135	1,215
1942-43 Year ..	116	..	116	79	..	79
1943-44 ..	323	75	398	118	..	118
1944-45 ..	747	345	1,092	495	115	610
1945-46 ..	1,677	677	2,354	889	204	1,093
1946-47 ..	2,069	930	2,999	921	570	1,491
1947-48 ..	1,281	919	2,200	1,388	791	2,179
1948-49 ..	1,221	626	1,847	1,453	904	2,357
1949-50 ..	1,287	1,183	2,470	1,479	975	2,454
1950-51 ..	1,575	1,439	3,014	1,365	1,334	2,699
1951-52 ..	931	2,039	2,970	1,428	1,542	2,970
1952-53 ..	1,528	2,032	3,560	1,573	1,665	3,238
1953-54 ..	2,605(b)	718	3,323	2,140(b)	1,450	3,590
1954-55 ..	2,711(b)	1,304	4,015	2,464(b)	1,496	3,960
1954-55—						
September Quarter ..	766(b)	167	933	742(b)	437	1,179
December Quarter ..	841(b)	501	1,342	744(b)	426	1,170
March Quarter ..	697(b)	244	941	428(b)	127	555
June Quarter ..	407(b)	392	799	550(b)	506	1,056
1955-56—						
September Quarter ..	218(b)	220	438	636(b)	332	1,018
December Quarter ..	560(b)	502	1,062	587(b)	423	1,010
March Quarter ..	121(b)	276	397	601(b)	289	890
Grand Total to 31st March, 1956 ..	20,062	13,420(c)	33,482	18,696	12,275(c)	30,971

(a) Including work performed by day labour. The date of the letting of the first contract was 31st July, 1939.

(b) Figures relate to the metropolitan area as re-defined for statistical purposes from 1st January, 1954.

(c) Including to 31st December, 1953, information relating to municipal areas incorporated in the metropolitan area as from 1st January, 1954, viz:—

	Contracts for Dwelling Units.	Dwelling Units Completed.
Shire of Dandenong ..	362	227
Shire of Frankston and Hastings ..	106	103

*Note.*—The above statement is exclusive of houses erected by the Housing Commission of Victoria for the Commonwealth War Workers' Housing Trust, viz, 234 at Sunshine and 34 at Coburg.